

Impressions of a Twelve Hundred Mile "Mush" Across Frozen Alaska

Extracts from a Daily Journal Kept by B. S. RODEY, of Albuquerque, ex-United States Attorney at Nome.

Twenty-second day, February 10, some pretty dangerous precipices, and I made my horse has the upper side pretty closely. A blizzard came on and it looked bad for a while, though it was not very cold. Finally we got to Hauman's place, or the Miller roadhouse and stopped all night. It is not as good a place as Sullivan's because it is not clean. The prices were just as high though. We were rained out early the next morning. My Valentine's day was a stormy one up this appalling pass of Alaska's, backwoods through a blizzard.

Twenty-third day, February 11th, was Sunday, also spent at Fairbanks. Twenty-fourth day, February 12th, we had four horses on the sled stage and made forty miles to Munson's roadhouse. The country was very flat. We stopped at a nice place for luncheon, but the prices were double. The establishment was run by two women. The snow is not deep. The Alaska range is visible to the northeast. The driver is a decent sort of a fellow. Munson's roadhouse would be a good sort of a hotel in almost any town.

Twenty-fifth day, February 13th, Munson's to Sullivan's, forty-five miles. In the morning it was twenty degrees below, but moderated to fifteen above. We began to enter what is called the Delta, which is a canal between precipitous mountains; the mountains are two or three thousand feet high on each side and the canal is only a mile or so wide, and it is perfectly flat save for the gradual ascent, which is steep, as you can see by looking back. The river meanders through the brush from side to side of it, un-satisfied that under the earth it is a glacier, or frozen gravel like a glacier. We got to Sullivan early in the evening, and it is a fine place kept by a man and his wife who were formerly at Nome. The dinner was a banquet, it was so good. There were many guests. I got into an extended argument with a lot of miners here regarding Alaska, and I think I gave a lot of information.

Twenty-sixth day, February 14th, Paxson's to Sourdough. We started at 5 a.m. made sixteen miles to Myer's place for lunch. It was quite warm, fifteen above most of the day. Got to Sourdough at 4 p.m. The roadhouse is run by Mr. Kronin and his wife, who run it for another man further down the line. They are nice people. There were a number of other guests, and I delayed another talk or lecture after they got me started. Our course today was over a very high table land on the south side of the divide, towards the town almost. I saw the commissioner and the deputy marshal here and had many talks with many people in the hotel lobby. At this town I particularly noticed something that pertained all Alaskans, and that is a peculiarity which I characterized as a desire to "let Paw do it," which means that Alaskans think that the government of the United States is in duty bound to pay all the bills and do everything on earth that they need to have done for them as a matter of course. I gave them as sensible a talk as I could on the subject of good citizenship, and the beneficence of the national government towards Alaska and its people. I think I made many friends, as they were all very cordial after that. I think there are many people in Alaska, since I passed through on this trip, that have modified their views a little as to the bounded duty of "Paw" to do every-thing.

Twenty-ninth day, February 17th, Sourdough to Volcanoes, or Copper Center. This was a dreary day over the table land. It was foggy and we only got a glimpse of Mount Sanford, Mount Drum and Mount Wrangle for

a few minutes. It was cold when we got to Volcanoes. It is quite a little town, and is sort of a county seat or recording office, where the records are kept. The roadhouse was a good one, kept by a man and his wife. I found many recent magazines here, and sat up late to read them.

Thirty-first day, February 19th, Copper Center to Neffstrand, forty miles. Same sort of a day and trip as on yesterday, through scrub timber, down Copper river. About 3 p.m. the fog lifted and we got a sight of the volcano. It doesn't amount to much as a volcano, in fact, all the mountains are so high (as well as the peaks) that none of them stand out with much pre-eminence save Sanford. I found magazines at Neffstrand's, which is a good roadhouse, where we arrived at about 4 o'clock p.m.

Thirty-first day, February 19th, Neffstrand's to Chitina, the railroad. Left Neffstrand's at 6 a.m. Traveled sixteen miles in fog and scrub timber, with occasional glimpses of the grand scenery in the distance. Temperature, ten degrees below to ten above. Arrived at Chitina, a station on the Copper River and Northwestern railway, at noon. This is the Guggenheim road, that runs sixty miles farther east to their great Bonanza copper mine. Chitina is 130 miles from Cordova, at the coast. I stopped at the Chitina hotel, which is a good country hotel and saloons combined. The town is a nice little railroad town, situated in a pocket in the mountains in the banks of the Copper river; it has mountains on all sides, the one next to the river being very low with the tunnel through it for the railroad to pass out toward the mine. I took a walk around the town in the afternoon, as the train did not start until the next morning. There are but a few acres of ground on which the town is built, and the mountains run straight up in the site for several thousand feet on three sides. A glacier comes down out of the canyon, and is pushing the nearest houses towards the town almost. I saw the commander and the deputy marshal here and had many talks with many people in the hotel lobby. At this town I particularly noticed something that pertained all Alaskans, and that is a peculiarity which I characterized as a desire to "let Paw do it," which means that Alaskans think that the government of the United States is in duty bound to pay all the bills and do everything on earth that they need to have done for them as a matter of course. I gave them as sensible a talk as I could on the subject of good citizenship, and the beneficence of the national government towards Alaska and its people. I think I made many friends, as they were all very cordial after that. I think there are many people in Alaska, since I passed through on this trip, that have modified their views a little as to the bounded duty of "Paw" to do every-thing.

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Livestock
LOCO WEED SCARCE
IN NEW MEXICO
THIS YEAR

Cattlemen Having Very Little Trouble with Noxious Plant. New Mexico Hogs on the Market.

FIRST CREAM SHIPPED BY MAXWELL FARMERS

Tucumcari, N. M., Feb. 2.—New Mexico cattlemen report this year that the dreaded loco weed, which has been the cause of much grief to cow raisers and has disengaged many a horse breeder, is on the decline, much sharper than in the past years, and shows signs of finally disappearing.

Although there are several varieties of this noxious plant, all have a similar effect on the stock which feed upon it. Some varieties, however, produce more disastrous signs on the stock while others show a preponderance of intestinal symptoms with constipation. The weed is well known, sets animals wild, hence the name of loco, crazy. Where the plant is plentiful cattlemen guard the stock carefully to keep them from feeding upon it, which it is said they will do, than seems to be a fascination in its effects.

CURRY COUNTY HOGS BRING A GOOD PRICE

Clovis, N. M., Jan. 31.—New Mexico hogs are beginning to make their appearance in the livestock markets, and the possibilities of this branch of stock raising in the state are just beginning to be appreciated.

G. D. McLean returned last week from Fort Worth, where he went with a car of Curry county hogs to market. He says that the porkers arrived at their destination in good condition and but for the off colors obtained through purchasing the hogs from different persons would have topped the market. As it was, he came within ten cents of getting the top price. Some of the hogs were only ten months old and weighed 389 pounds.

QUAY COUNTY FARMER BELIEVES IN THE SILO

Tucumcari, N. M., Feb. 2.—I never made a better move in my life, than what a county farmer says of the building of his first silo. "If I had built a silo years ago I would have been rich now."

He is feeding steers on the silage and also his dairy stock. On the one he has already reaped a rich harvest in meat and fat and on the other he gathers a weekly dividend in the shape of cream which is bringing a high price in this city. Sisters bought in September at 6½ cents sold recently at 6¾ cents. They averaged when purchased 40 pounds and gained an average of 100 pounds on the silage and a mixed feed.

MAXWELL DAIRYMEN SHIP FIRST CREAM

Maxwell, N. M., Feb. 2.—The first cream to be shipped from Maxwell under the new plan inaugurated by the Las Vegas creamery went out Monday. Only a small amount went to the Las Vegas market.

VALUES FOR TOMORROW

For WEDNESDAY, February 4, 9 a.m.
Great clearance sale fine dress goods 49c yard
splendid assortment, values to \$1.50 yd, choice

Another Lot Finest Dress Goods
in a great variety of weaves and shades values 73c yard

GOLDEN RULE DRY GOODS CO.

Fine Silks at 79c

20 pieces yard wide Silks in Newest Poplins and Changeable Chiffon Taffeta in all the best selling shades. Values to \$1.50 yard. On Sale Tuesday, 9 a.m.

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Silks at 95c Yard

THE BEST SILK VALUE EVER SHOWN HERE

A combination Sale of yard wide New Pompadour Satin Messaline in large Dresden effects, very select Yard wide figured and striped Chiffon Taffetas and assorted shades of yard wide Plain Satin Messalines. This assortment worth from \$1.25 yard to \$2.50 yard. All on Sale Tuesday, February 3, 9 a.m., for

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Throw Away Your Eye-Glasses!

A FREE PRESCRIPTION

You Can Have Filled and Use at Home

Do you wear glasses? Are you a victim of eye-strain or other eye weakness? If so, you will be glad to know that there is a real hope for you. Many whose eyes were failing say they have had their eyes restored through the principles of this wonderful free prescription. One man says, after trying it, "I was almost blind; could not see to read at all. Now I can read everything without any glasses and my eyes do not water any more. At night they would pain dreadfully, now they feel fine all the time." It was like a miracle to me," a lady who used it says. "The atmosphere seemed hazy with or without glasses, but after using this prescription for fifteen days everything seems clear. I can even read fine print without glasses!" It is believed that thousands who wear glasses or now discard them in a reasonable time and multitudes more will be able to strengthen their eyes so as to be spared the trouble and expense of ever getting glasses. Eye troubles of many descriptions may be wonderfully benefited by following the simple rules. Here is the prescription: Go to any drug store and get a bottle of Optona, fill a two ounce bottle with warm water, drop in one Optona tablet and allow to dissolve. With this liquid, bathe the eyes two to four times daily. You should notice your eyes clear up perceptibly right from the start and inflammation will quickly disappear. If your eyes are bothering you, even a little, take steps to save them now before it is too late. Many hopelessly blind might have been saved if they had cared for their eyes in time.

CONSIDERABLE FEEDING IN COLFAX COUNTY

SPRINGER, N. M., Jan. 31.—The Springer Stockmen says that during the past two months stockmen have found it necessary to do considerable feeding and will continue to do for some time yet. This feeding has been found very expensive by them whether or not they had to buy feed, as feed is high. Should the markets advance they would be compensated for their extra expense but as stock is about as high as it will be for some time to come they can only figure their feed bills as that much less. The severe winter was unexpected for it has proven another of the drawbacks to the stock industry they could not overcome.

ONE OF THE LARGEST TO JOIN THE RANKS OF THE SHIPPERS IS T. R. SIMMONS.

Mr. Simmons has several good cows and has been supplying milk to many town people. The market has been a bit uncertain as to quantity in town, but by shipping the cream he can dispose of his entire product every day.

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NEW ENGLAND CONVENTION B'NAI B'RITH

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Feb. 2.—The first district of the B'Naï B'rith lodge is holding its first convention in this city today. The district comprises the New England states, eastern Canada, New York City and eastern New York state. About 100 delegates are in attendance. The convention will be concluded by a banquet at the Hotel Kimball this evening.

CALIFORNIA'S NEW STATE CONVENTION

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2.—The California State Convention of the B'nai B'rith is to be held in Los Angeles this week. The convention will be opened with a service at the Temple Beth Israel.

CHICAGO INCREASES SCHOOL HOURS

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—Beginning this week the number of school periods in the high school will be increased from six to eight, thus adding one hour each day to the afternoon session, making it possible for high school pupils to take courses in the future to graduate in three years instead of four.

Cattle From Mexico

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 2.—E. T. Jones, manager of the 24,000-acre ranch in southern Mexico, near the Central American line, announced that the first shipment of 1,000 head of cattle daily will start today. He does not fear interception en route by the hungry rebels.

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